Reported for the State Sentinel.

SENATE. Tuespay, December 8, 1846. Senate met-Hon, J. G. Read in the Chair. A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate of their organization.

Mr. Ellis appeared and took his sent. On motion of Mr. Berry of M., a resolution was adopted that the rules and regulations of last session be adopted for the government of the present session of the Senate. Also, government of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Logan, Resolved, That copies of laws be furnished to each mem-

ber of the Senate. On motion by Mr. Hamrick,

Resolved, That the joint rules of last winter of the two Houses be adopted, and that the House be informed thereof. On motion by Mr. Logao, Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed, with a similar committee on the part of the House, to inform the Governor that they are now ready to receive any communi-

Meetrs, Logan and Clements were appointed said com-A message was received from the House, informing th Senate of a committee appointed to wait on the Governor; also, of a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher, to

address the Throne of Grace in behalf of the present On motion, the Senate reciprocated the message of the House, and Messes. English and Och were appointed the

the Senate. Mr. Holloway offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the doorkeeper be ordered to contract with the proprietors of the State Journal and State Sentinel for

cents per copy; which was ad ptell. Mr. Oth offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That the Librarian be ordered to procure a rail

between the chamber and the lobby; which was adopted. Senate adj urned. AFTERNOON SESTION. A message was received from the House, reciprocating the

On motion of Mr. Logan, the resulution and propose amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Logan made a report from the committee to wait therein, at three o'clock, proceed to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

amended by inserting one-half, after three; and, on motion, the Senate reciprocated the resolution. A message was received, and reciprocated by the Senate, inviting the Senate to meet the House instanter, to hear the siding officer of this body with great diffidence. message of his excellency the Governor.

A message from the House, informing the Senate that the the time for counting the votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor at the last annual election.

Messrs. Zenor and Edmonston were appointed tellers. tenant-Governor. The Senate, returning to their chamber, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## TUESDAY, Dec. 8th. The House met.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, a committee of two were perly preserved.

organized, and are ready to receive any communication him which he may be pleased to make. Messis. Miller and Stanfield were appointed said com-

Mr. Noel offered a resolution giving permission to rehe proceedings for their different papers; adopted. Mr. Lemmonds offered a resolution requesting

vised Statutes, the Journal and Laws of the last session : On motion of Mr. Harlan, a committee was appointed

to revise the standing rules of the House. Messrs, Harlan, Stewart, Julian and Dole were ap

pointed said committee. Mr. Dowling offered a resolution directing the Doorkeeper to contract with the editors of the State Sentine!

Amended on motion of Mr. Fuller, to read four instead Mr. Secrest opposed the Resolution on the ground its being partial; almost every county, he said, has papers which give the same information, and are as much give. entitled to the patronage of the Legislature as those print.

Mr. Fuller thought it an act of justice to their constituents that they should be furnished with both Whig and Democratic papers, as both parties were equally repre-

ed facilities of giving accurate information which no oth-Mr. Colms moved that the members pay the said sum of fifty cents out of their own funds.

Mr. Carr of L. moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution and amendment; refused. Mr. Secrest thought it absurd to adopt the amendment

The House had no right to control the individual action Mr. Colms said his amendment was designed only to

operate in case the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Fuller contended that he was promoting the inter-Pense.

The ayes and noes were taken on the amendment,

which did not prevail-ayes 0, noes 84. Mr. Dowling said, since he had offered the resolut he had ascertained there was a difference in the subscription price of the two papers; that of the Sentinel being seventy-five cents, and the Journal being fifty cents; the Tri-weekly Sentinel is nearly double the size of the Triweekly Journal; Mr. D. moved to amend the resolution in accordance with the subscription price.

officer, as being wholly unnecessary.

ments were laid on the table.

Senate met.

llowed to a Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Thompson opposed the resolution.

The resolution was then indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Sleeth. On motion of Mr. Carr of L., it was resolved that the

House, with the concurrence of the Senate, proceed, on to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to open and count the votes giv-

On motion of Mr. Miller, the House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the time fer counting the votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor was ple were enabled at the last session of the legislature, the whole. changed to this afternoon at three o'clock. The Senate was then invited into the Representatives'

Hall to hear the message; when the Governor in person delivered his massage; whereupon the Senate retired.
On motion of Mr. Porter, the Senate was again invited into the Hall of Representatives, to witness the opening and counting the votes given for Governor and Lieuten-Pending which, the convention adjourned.

SENATE.

WEDNE-DAY, December 9, 18:6.

tend at ten o'clock, A. M., as desired.

On motion of Mr. Holloway, the resolution relative t taking the papers by the members of the Senate, was taken of Mr. Holloway, it was resolved that each member contract with the several papers, and receive any number of papers, the cost not exceeding five dollars, to be paid out of the State Treasury.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Fuller, Jones of B., Harding, Taity and kind feelling; and invoke upon us individually, and upon our legislative labors the blessings of Him who presides over the destinies of men, and of nations.

On the State Prison.—Messrs. Ferguson, Shields, Anthony, Harlan, Miller, Griffs, and Huddleston.

Mr. Winchell appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Parks gave notice that on to-morrow, he would move that a new standing committee be appointed. Leave being granted, Mr. Verbrike introduced a bill for a

new mode of advertising the delinquent list.
On motion of Mr. Miller, resolved, that fifteen hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed. A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that a committee of two was appointed to set with a

Excellency, the Governor, and Hon. Paris C. Donning, to inform them they had received a majority of votes for Governor; the following is the aggregate vote:
nor and Lieut. Governor; which message was, on motion,
tech rocated by the Senate, and Messas. Howell and Zenor
appointed said committee.

Stephen C. Stevens "

Senate to meet with the House to hear the prayer of the Alexander C. Stevenson received " Rev. Mr. Beecher, which was reciprocated. Mr. Stockwell moved that one thousand copies of the

Governor's message be printed in the German language, Mr. Ellis moved to lay said resolution on the table nyes 22, nues 24. Mr. Berry of Monroe moved to strike out 1000, which motion prevailed. Mr. Ellis moved to insert 150 copies in French.

Mr. Stockwell said that the reason be offered the resolut was that he had some 600 votes in his distinct, who were pleased with the liberty they enjoyed in this favored country, suit their convenience to take the oath of office. Resolved, That the public printer be instructed to furnish and who were anxions to know the principles by which our one hundred copies of standing rules and orders for the government was carried on, and he knew of no way of so happily instructing them in those principles as by printing in

ing the message in German was, that he would prefer that it be entered on the journal; adopted. party so far-fetched and unperessarily introduced, that he the Rev. Mr. Beecher. did not think it wise to spread them before the people. Mr. Edmonston remarked that if the gentleman had confideace in the good sense of the people, he would prefer that ose ductrines and principles which he considered so errone-

ous should be spread over the State and let the people judge. Mr. Orth said the remarks of Mr. Davis would have been toper had they been made in the original resolution; for then it might have been thought proper to print with the message, the " Farewell Address of Washington," and thus the anti-lote could have gene with the poisons he would then

committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Beecher on the part of Should we call those who come from a foreign shore and settle with us in this land of the free, foreigners? No. But of the Senate, proceed to the election of Judge of the Sth if they did make any distinction, he wished copies to be Judicial circuit on Friday next; laid on the table. printed in French. The vule was then taken on Mr. Ellis's motion, which three copies of each paper, separately enveloped, at fift; prevailed; and the original res lution was then adopted, call-

> ing for 500 capies in German. On motion, the Senate adjourned,

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Senate met.

Mr. Howell reported that the committee appointed to wait

inaugural as follows:

the Governor, that he would meet the as-embled flouses at Previous to entering upon the discharge of the duties of half-past two o'clock, and make his annual communication. the highly responsible office to which I have been elevated, A message was received from the House, communicating by the partiality of my fellow citizens of Indiana, permit a resolution adopted, that the House, the Senate concurring me to avail myself of this occasion, to tender to you as their representatives and through you, to them, my very On motion of Mr. Morgan of D., the resolution was grateful acknowled ments, for this distinguished mark of their regard and confidence.

hischarge of the arduous and complicated duties of pre-The importance of a system of rules for the government The Governor having delivered his message to the Senate of all deliberative assemblies, is conceded, by those who and House assembled, the Senate returned to their chamber. of all deliberative assemblies, is conceded, by those who House had concurred in the amendment of the Senate fixing ther convened for legislative or other purposes. You are convened in a legislative espacity, for the discharge of important duties. You are the guardians of the interests On motion of Mr. Zenor, the Senate reciprocated; and of the people of a sovereign State. Into your hands are confided important trusts-trusts no less in magnitude

A message from the House, inviting the Senate, instanter, than the projection of the lives, liberty, property and repuinto the House to count the votes for Governor and Lieu- tailon of your fellow citizens. How important theo, that the rules adopted for your government should be faithfully your individual and representative capacity may be pro- of the day for this day at two o'clock. tected, and above all, that the rights guaranteed to your constituents, under the Constitution and laws may be proon motion of Mr. Thompson, a committee of the specific of the Senate, to request the Rev. Mr. Beecher to open the system of rules, and a strict and impartial administration system of rules, and a strict and impartial administration In the language of one of the most distinguished Speakers to revise the constitution of the State. Messrs. Thompson and Fuller were appointed said of them "operate as a check and control on the actions of the majority. And they are in many instances a shel-

On motion of Mr. Miller, a committee of two were ter and protection to the min-rity against the attempts of appointed to act with one from the Senate, and wait on power. On the contrary, nothing tends more to throw the Governor and inform him that both houses are now power into the hands of an administration, and those who act with the majority, than a neglect of, or departure from, the rules of proceeding. How deficate then are the duties of a presiding officer. How important it is that he should closely scan his own conduct, purify his own motives, and Holloway.

On Federal Relations. - Messrs. Read, Parks, Hardin, Hathe importance of the trusts confided unto my hands, I cannot but enteriain fearful apprehensions of my inability Doorkeeper to furnish each member a copy of the Re- to tender universal satisfaction in the discharge of the du-

I feet, however, much encouraged from the reflection. that you are called by the same voice that has called me to my present a tuation, -that you are invested with similar respective trusts; all of which circumstances concur in and State Journal for five copies of their tri-weekly is- towards each other; and above all, I feel assured, from a Simpson, Hardin, Handy, Parks, Allison, Coffin, Henry, ing clause, that in the opinion of this House the General personal acquaintance with many of you, that whatever Beard, Orth, Osborn, Taber, Rockhill, and Marsh. errors I may commit in the discharge of the duties of the | On Claims .- Messis. Logan, Berry of F., Miller, Robin-Chair, will not be attributed to any improper motives, but to a want of judgment; and that whilst you have the boldness to condemn, you will have charity enough to for-

True, it is not my duty to enter into the angry and exciting debates, or to engage in the intellectual struggles Morgan, Montgomery, Hamer, and Waters.
which in the very mature of things, often spring up in the Ga the State Bank — Messes, Davis, Edmonston, Parks, Senate, from the supposed conflicting interests of your Och, Marsh, Holloway, Milliken, Stockwell, Rockhill, Ossented here. Those papers printed at the capital possess- places me above them. It is my duty to suppress and Chenowith. suidue those angry feelings, to preserve peace, and to restore order wherever it has been violated. If I can sucson, Morgan, Cuppy, Day, Waters, Logan, and Verbrike. ceed in performing those important duties, and in meriting your confidence and excem, my ambition will be more han gratified.

The freedom of discussion which is tolerated under our republican form of government, (and I rejoice that such is the case,) gives rise to parties entertaining different political views upon questions of State and National policy. It is not my object upon this occasion to descent upon any one of those leading questions; that is a duty belonging est of his constituents by voting for this resolution; it to other and higher functionaries of our Government, and Allison, was but furnishing them information at their own ex- in part to a different legislative body; yet I deem it my duty to say, that I attribute my elevation to the office I and Milligan. duty to say, that I attribute my elevation to the office I now fill, mainly to the advocacy of a certain system of principles, and I now publicly avow my intention of stricting principles, and I now publicly avow my intention of stricting and I n ly adhering to those principles, should any one or more of State of Indiana, for the senatorial district composed of the them be brought before this body for an expression of counties of Jay, Blackford, and Randolph. opinion, and it should become under the constitution my

duty to give a voice in their settlement. stand, that I have never witnessed any public good result- ing committees were ordered to be printed for the use of the On motion of Mr. Secress, the resolution and amend- ing from a discussion, in our Legi-lative halls, of any one Senate. Mr. Fuller moved that the House proceed to the elec- is a manifest difference of opinion between the two politition of Sergeant-at-arms this afternoon at three o'clock. cal parties of the country, and my sincere prayer to Him

Mr. Crookshank was opposed to the election of this who rules over the destinies of men and nations, is, that relative to county roads. the fell spirit of party may not be permitted to enter with-Mr. Fuller supported his resolution; he said the House in the walls of this Senate Chamber,-that it may not be change the times of holding courts in the county of Wells. dispensed with a Sergeant-at-arms last winter by employsuffered to mar the harmony of our deliberations upon
ing an additional Doorkeeper at the same price usually questions of State policy deeply affecting the pecuniary

And may I not indulge the hope that each of you deeply keeper of the State Prison. imbaed with a love of country, and a lively devotion to the best interests of your constituents, will so direct your legis- tive to the auditor of Union county. lative exertions, that when you return to the circle of your en at the last election for Governor and Lieutenant Gov- the welcome plaudit, " well done, thou good and faithful

servant." We are assembled this day under auspicious circumstances. The dark cloud of political adversity, which has spective judges of the circuit and probate courts of Lawenere The committee appointed to wait on the Governor re- been for years past overhanging our beloved State, and county to devise new seals was passed.

ported that they had performed that duly, and he would retarding her onward march to wealth and prosperity has deliver his annual message this afternoon at half past two been measurably dissipated. By the liberal and enlightened legislation of the Con- report as to the expediency of devising a new system gress of the United States, the Representatives of the peoto lay the foundation for an honorable adjustment of

our State indebtedness, upon such terms as are within the ability of the people to meet. And it aff rds me great pleasure to know that our constituents have so promptly and nobly responded to this measure of their Representatives. Much, however, yet remains to be done before this great measure for the people will be finally consummated. I trust, however, that your zeal in this matter will not abate until you shall have restored the lost credit of Indiana, and placed her again upon the roll of debt-paying States; this done, and you will deserve, as doubtless you will recieve, the enviable distinc-

tion of benefactors of the people. had waited on the Rev. Mr. Beccher, and that he would attend at ten o'clock, A. M., as desired.

In conclusion, gentlemen, permit me to renew my pledge to you, and to the country, that I will (in the language of the street, and Palmer. the oath that I have just taken) according to the best of Hamilton, Norton, and Neal. my ability, faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of presiding officer. I now commend myself to your libeup, together with the proposed amendment; and on motion of presiding officer. I now commend myself to your libe-of Mr. Hollowsy, it was resolved that each member con-

> On motion, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9. The House met. Mr. Thompson, from the select committee, reported that they had called on the Rev. Mr. Beecher, and that he would attend this moroing at ten o.clock. similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait on his The Senate now came in, and in joint conven-

64.104 votes. Suit, Wilson, and Miller.
60,667 "On Enrolled Bills.—Messrs. Tait, Cassatt, Carr of L., and

A message was received from the House, inviting the Paris C. Dunning received for Lt. Governor, 62,565 59,266

On motion of Mr. Palmer, a committee was appointed to act with a similar one on behalf of the Senate, to wait upon James Whiteomb and Paris C. Dunning, and inform them of their election, and ascertain at what time it will Messrs. Palmer and Julian were appointed such com-

Mr. Porter moved an amendment to the standing rules, heli own language, and sending to them the message of our which was, if any member was present and refused to vote when called upon for that purpose, the fact of his Mr. Davis said, the strongest objection with him to print- being present and relusing to vote when called on should

should not be printed even in English; for he considered the | On motion of Mr. Huff, the Senate was now invited inideas laid down in the mestage so erroneous, and doctrines of to the Hall to hear the opening prayer of the session by Mr. Secrest, on leave, introduced a bill to extend th

term of the Probate court in Putnam county. On motion of Mr. Stanfield, St. Joseph county was serted; then passed to a second reading. The resolution in relation to taking pape

ble discussion, the resolution was rejected. Mr. Miller moved that five thousand copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the House. Mr. Thompson moved to amend by inserting five hun-Mr. Eilis said he wished the distinction of language in dred copies in the German, and two hundred in the the country to be about hed that we were all one people. French language; resolution and amendments adopted. Should we call those who come from a foreign shore and Mr. Harlan moved that the House, with the concurrence

> Mr. Holland introduced a resolution to go into the elec-tion of Auditor of State on Friday next at ten o'clock; laid on the table. Mr. Carr of L. introduced a bill authorizing the Circuit

and Probate courts of Lawrence county to devise new seals; passed to the second reading. Mr. Stewart introduced a petition in regard to the Pro-

On motion of Mr. Handy, the resolution adopted this morning relative to taking the papers during the session was reconsidered.

A message was then received from the House inviting the Senate into the flower, instanter, to witness the oath of ment of a committee to invite the Judges of the Supreme of the county courts, where the whole case could be carefully and impartially investigated.

Mr. Parks moved that the sum of fifty cents per copy for each paper should be stricken out, and the subscription price inserted.

A message was then received from the House inviting the possibly be acquainted with the circumstances, the proper place was in ment of a committee to invite the Judges of the Supreme of the county courts, where the whole case could be carefully and impartially investigated.

Mr. Dunham said he could not vote for this resolution. It and Porter were appointed send committee.

Governor elect, reported that they had performed that duty, and would, at half past two o'clock, attend in the Hall of the House to receive the oath of office. On motion of Mr. Julian, the Senate was invited instanter into the Hall to witness the ceremony of the in-

The Senate being present, the Governor and Lieut. Governor elect came in, attended by the joint committee the circumstances to do so, if they had the power. administered in a solemn and impressive manner by the resolving clause, and insert that the Legislature had no con-Distrusting my own abilities, I assume upon myself the Hon. Judge Blackford, after which, Gov. Whitcomb de-livered a brief, but a truly eloquent and appropriate inugural address.

The Senate then retired, when The House adjourned.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, December 10, 1846. Senate met. On motion of Mr. Parks, Resolved. That the standing rules of the Senate be so mended that a committee be appointed on the benevolent titutions of the State. On motion of Mr. Allisen,

Resolved. That the message of the Governor be committed stered, in order that each of you in to the committee of the whole Senate, and made the By Mr. English, to correct certain misprints therein named.

> Senate adjourned. APPERMOON SPESSION

The President laid before the Senate the following as the STANDING COMMITTEES. On Elections .- Messis Rockhill, Allison, Berr

By Mr. Read, to provide for the holding of a convention

Bowers, Cuppy, Coats, Hamrick, Jackson, and Simps On Finance.-Messrs, Parks, Coffin, Green, Conner, Engish, Goodenow, Clements, Coats, and Day. Clements, Robinson, Ellis, Stewart, Winchell, Murphy, and

mer, Davis, Howell, Beard, Bradbury, and Milliken. On Education .- Messrs. Osborn, Holloway, Berry of M., Stockwell, Stewart, Allison, Murphy, Marsh, Handy, Hardin, Goodenow, Hontgomery, Beard, Ellis, and Hamrick.

On Military Affairs.—Messis. Howell, Winchell, Hamer, Logan, Morgan, Handy, Hamrick, Waters, and Berry of M.

Chenowith, English, Verbrike, Zenor, Morgan, Taber, and powers and duties,—that you are responsible to the same great tribunal for the manner in which you discharge your din. Stewart, Conner, Zenor, Verbrike, Simpson, and Milligan.
On Canats and Internal Improvements - Messes. Edmouscreating a mutuality of interest and a fellowship of feeling ton, Stockwell, Reed, Davis, Milliken, Berry of F., Hotloway,

On Roads,-Messrs, Berry of M., Bradbury, Beard, Green,

On the State Prison .- Messrs. Cuppy, Read, Taber, Zenor, Montgomery, Milligan, and Verbrike.
On Unfinished Business.-Messrs, Goodenow, Milliken, Miller, Bradbury, and Winchell.
On the State Library.—Messrs. Miller, Conner, Taber,

son, Jackson, Coffin, Bowers, and Chenowith.

On Agriculture - Messis. Bowers, Parks, Coals, Murphy, English, Robinson, Bradbury, Coffin, Howell. Zenor, Jack-On Corporations - Messes, Berry of F., Handy, Edmonston, Orth. Green, Marsh, Montgomery, and Conner.

On Benevolent Institutions of the State. - Messes. Henry,

Stockwell, Green, Mitter, Howell, Logan, and Hamrick. On Enrolled Bills .- Messrs, Murphy and Milligan. On Engrossed Bills .- Messis, Winchell and Waters. JOINT COMMITTEES. On Public Buildings -Messrs. Allison, Read, English, Chenowith, Jackson, Rockhill, and Coats.

O4 the Canal Fund .- Messrs. Stockwell, Clements, and On the State Library .- Messrs, Clements, Berry of M.

On motion, the papers were referred to the committee on Nevertheless, I am equally frank to declare from this On motion of Mr. Howell, one hundred copies of the stand-

of the great questions of national policy upon which there the purpose of reviving an act to locate a State road therein Leave was granted to Mr. Allison to introduce a bill for reward.

Leave was granted to Mr. Hamrick to introduce Leave was granted to Mr. Rockbill to introduce a bill to A message was received from the flouse, informing the questions of State policy deeply affecting the pecuniary interests as well as the honor of our beloved State. seals. Also, of a bill authorizing a settlement with the conded.

Leave was granted to Mr. Simpson to introduce a bill rela-Leave was granted to Mr. Holloway to introduce a bill to On motion, the message from the House was taken up and

the State prison passed; also, the bill authorizing the re-Resolved, That the judiciary committee be instructed to high valuation laws. Adopted. By Mr. Harvey. Instructing the committee on elections to inquire into the subject of repealing the law restricting

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into committee of The committee rising

The Senate adjourned

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, December 10, 1846. The House met. The Speaker laid before the House the order of business for the present session; and also reported the standing com-

STANDING COMMITTEES. On Elections .- Messrs. Suit, Wiley, Trimble, Parker, Huff, hoson, and Hanna. On Ways and Means .- Messrs. Secrest, Fry, Anthony, Carr of L . Hendricks, Colms, and Carnahan.

On Education,-Messis, Hunt, Hicks, Moore, Nofsinger, On the State Bank .- Messrs. Cravens, Hull, Smiley, wards, Wolfe, Noel, and Tebbs.

On the Town of Indianopolis. Messrs. Harding, Griffis, Hill, Balding, Summers, Hatfield, and Parks.
On Claims. Messrs. Thompson, Hail of W., May, Clark,

Holland, Lutz, and Lemmonds. On Roads .- Messrs. Meredith, Scott, Thomas, D. cker, Brown, Deam, and Hall of P. On Canals, &c .- Messrs. Dole, Dowling, Logan, Jones G., Lewis, Kerr, and Walker. On Agriculture.-Messrs. Powell, Gordon, Woodruff, born, Wise, Green, and Huffstetter.

On Engrossed Bills .- Messrs. Crookshank, Sleeth, Hot tetter, and Huddleston.

Stephen S. Harding " " 2,281 "

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Whereupon, James Whitcomb was declared elected Governor for the next three years, and Paris C. Dunning Lieut. Governor for the same time. The joint convention on the Trust Funds.—Messrs. Stewart of L., Dobson, Hicks, Young, Addieman, and Gillecce.

On Benevolent and Scientific Institutions.—Messrs. Watts. Yaryan, Tait, Tackett, McCormack, Crookshank, and Mason, JOINT COMMITTERS. On Public Buildings .- Messis. Noel, McCormack, and

On the Canal Fund .- Messrs. Colms, Jenison, and Brown. On the State Library,-Messrs. Yaryan, Sleeth, and Harvey. Mr. Dowling moved the printing of two hundred copies of

the order of business, and the standing comm PETITIONS PRESENTED. By Mr. Balding, on the sut ject of a State road; referred a select committee consisting of Mr. Balding and others.

object of a State road; referred to a select committee consisting of Mr. Hatfield and others. By Mr. Harding; referred to a select committee, without

reading, of Harding and others,

By Mr. Baker; referred without reading to a select com mittee consisting of Mr. Baker and others. By Mr. Camahan, from citiz as of Blairsville, in Posey unty, praying to vacate the town of Blairsville; referred

from the table ; after various amendments and considera- art, and Trimble. By Mr. Harlan; referred without reading. Also, the petition of ----, praying a divorce. On motion, the petition was laid on the table. RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Yaryan,

etition to grant divorces during the present session, in any case where the circuit court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of complaint. Mr. Secrest thought that the resolution was not proper He believed the House had no jurisdiction on the subject of fivorces. The House had no constitutional power whatever to grant divorces, and therefore it is unnecessary to attempt

Resolved. That the House will in no case seceive a bill or

of restrict its action on this subject. Mr. Yaiyan said he did not disagree with the member from utnam. He considered that the marriage contract was a on the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect, had per-formed that duty, and that they would meet the two Houses bate courts of Fayette county; referred to a select comcivil contract, and could not by this House be impaired.

the behalf of the House to wait on the Governor and Lt. had no constitutional authority to grant divorces. The courts absolve the contract when it ought to be. Generally the cases prescuted here are those in which the party applying are in the wrong, and could not obtain the prayed for divo ce where the matter could be importially and fully investigated. Assembly had no authority to make any provisions respecting alimony, nor could they ever be sufficiently advised of of the Senate and House, when the oath of office was Mr. Porter moved to amend by striking out all after the

> Mr Thompson said he approved of the resolution; but that some members might consider that the Legislature had the power to annul marriage contracts, but at the same time had doubts of its policy and expediency. He therefore moved to amend the amendment by striking out the part that relates to the inexpediency of the Legislature granting

> Mr. Secrest read a section of the constitution of Indiana, and argued that from the import of that section, the Legis-lature had no right whatever to grant divorces, because it is infringing on the powers of the judiciary; that the several branches of the government should exercise their peculiar functions, without the interference of the others. Mr. S. examined the position sometimes taken, that the Legislature The duty of annulling the marriage contract was conferred on the judiciary, and the Legislature had no more power to interpose and exercise that power, than it would in any other

civil case between litigating parties.

Mr. Harlan moved that the resolution and amendments be laid on the table. Not agreed to. Mr. Harlan thought the matter should have been laid on the table, in order to give the members an opportunity to difficulties. Former Legislatures had uniformly exercised that power. Men who were able to expound the constitudoubts on the subject, but had unequivocally given their opinion that the General Assembly possessed the power of Mr. Thompson withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Dole offered an amendment declaring that as the Legistature had exercised the power of granting divorces from its origin, it was inexpedient to restrict its action on that subject

Mr Harvey moved to lay the amendment on which was accordingly done—ayes 54, noes 41.

Mr. Noel remarked that a number of the lawyers now in the House had given their opinion that the power to grant divorces was unconstitutional. By referring to the journal of this House for the last session, he found the names of fourteen lawyers recorded in favor of granting a divorce in a certain ca-e; among others voting ave, was the name of the gentleman from Perry.

Mr. Thompson replied briefly that Mr. Noel had entirely misunderstood his position on the question before the House.

Assembly has no power, &c. The ayes and noes were now taken on the resolution, which passed-ayes 49, noes 47. Mr. Noel offered a resolution granting the woof the Hall to Mr. Irwing, of the St. Mary's Seminary on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of giving a musical concert.

By Mr. Colms, that 5.000 copies of the Governor's inaugural be printed for the use of the House-1,000 in the German language. Adopted. respective constituencies. The station to which I am called boin, Clements, Stewart, Goodenow, Ellis, Hamer, Day, and by the Statutes of 1843 the writ of ne exeat was in force, By Mr. Fry, that the judiciary committee examine whether and if not, to report on the expediency of reviving it, By Mr. Huff, that the Governor's message by referred to a committee of the whole House, and made the special order

of the day for to-morrow, at two o'clock. By Mr. Moore, that the doorkeeper furnish each member of this House with three copies of the Tri-weekly Journal, and two copies of the Tri-weekly Sentinel, to be paid for by Mr. Harvey moved to lay the resolution on Refused-ayes 41, noes 51.

Mr. Crookshank moved its indefinite postponement-aver 47, noes 43, between the two papers. He thought it was showing par-tiality to take three of one and two of the other. Mr. Dule said there was a difference in the subscription price of the two papers, and there was a reason for it: the Sentinel sheet was nearly double the size of that of the Journal. He did not doubt but that the price was set down as low as its publishers could possibly furnish it at. He thought that because the editors of the Sentmel published a larger sheet, and one containing a much larger amount of matter every issue, they should not be proscribed on that

simply one of justice. Enterprise should have an adequate Mr. Colms said he was opposed to taking papers altogether. Because the mass of the people could not be furnished, and those taken would be forwarded to political friends. It was possible for the people to gain any direct or satisfactory information from the occasional paper that would be sent to ferred to the committee on claims. them. The distinction in the resolution was proper—he did not consider progressive democracy worth half as much as

old fashioned whisery. Mr. Faller moved the previous question, which was se-The vote then recurring on the main resolution, it was adopted, ayes 49, noes 47. By Mr. Dowling. That the judiciary committee inquire

into the expediency of so amending the 72d chap. R. S. of 1843 ("the act supplemental to an act subjecting real and personal property to execution") and all other laws for the cation of the stay and valuation laws, with reference to future contracts, so as to facilitate the collection of debts, and ing. as a means of restoring that confidence between our citizens B which existed previous to the pecuniary revulsion which led | an extension of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. to the enactment of our present collection and unreasonably By Mr. Lewis. In relation to amending lay to their title, &c. Not adopted.

voters to their respective townships. By Mr. Watts. Instructing the judiciary committee to in-quire into the subject of amending the laws granting divorces for wilful abandonment. Adopted. BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED TO A SECOND READING. By Mr. Harvey. In relation to publishing delinquent lists.

By Mr. Dunham. In relation to holding a convention to revise the constitution. By Mr. Scott. In relation to a county road. By Mr. Hamilton. To incorporate Decatur County Medi- adopted. cal Society.

By Mr. Wiley. To repeal the act reviving docket fees. By Mr. Watts. Explanatory of the act in relation to cer-tain proceeding in Monroe county.

By Mr. Moore. Relative to loaning the school fund.

in land patents sold by the State.

By Mr. Cassatt. To provide for the issue of patents for land sold belonging to the Wabash and Erie canal.

By Mr. Harding. For the extension of the time, case of land sold for taxes. Public Printer to furnish the Ifonse with the Governor's

Message, and the same number of the accompanying doeuments. Amended and adopted. By Mr. Sleeth. To legalize the publication of lands for taxes in Sheiby county.

By Mr. Norton. In relation to the time of holding courts in the 9th judicial circuit. On motion, the House adjourned AFTERNOON SESSION.

zing the acts of the board of county Grant county; read the first and second times, and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Parker; to repeal the act amending the 218th sec. of chap. 13 of the R. S. 1843; passed to the accound reading.

By Mr. Secrest, for the relief of Thomas Wood John Cortis; read twice and referred to the committee on claims.

Bills Introduced.

Mr. Hall; to incorporate the town of Mt. Vernon; read the first time and passed to the second reading.

Air. Cassett; for the relief of purchasers of canal lands; read the first time. Mr. Moore; for the relief of Thomas Berry; passed the second reading. Mr. Cravens; to provide for a settlement between the State and the former superintendent of the State prison. The rules of the House being suspended, the bill was read

the third time and passed. Mr. Harlan; to declare a certain name a misprint; passed Mr. Carr of L. introduced a resolution authorizing the originator or introducer of any bill which may be referred to a nmittee, to meet with such committee, when the bill may to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Harvey; in relation to a certain school district Hendricks county. Mr. Dowling; in relation to repealing the act authorizing make acknowledgments, &c. By Mr. Hatfield, from civizens of Hancock county, on the docket fees; referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Trimble; to change the time of holding Probate courts

n Delaware county; passed to the second reading. Mr Norton; in relation to road tax in Elkhart county passed to the second reading. Mr. Thompson introduced a resolution instructing the tu iciary committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill requiring the clerks of circuit courts to furnish anscripts in certain cases; adopted.

Probate system as to organize Probate courts, &c.; adopted. On motion of Mr. Fuller, the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 11, 1846.

Senate met. The President laid before the Senate reports from several ranches of the State Bank, which were referred to the comaittee on the State Bank.

Petitions Presented. By Mr. Edmonston; referred to a select committee. By Mr. Taber; referred to the committee on canals and By Mr. Robinson; referred to a committee. And a remstrance; referred to the same committee.

By Mr. Clements; referred to the committee on roads. By Mr. Cuppy; referred to a select committee. By Mr. Clements; referred to the committee on roads. By Mr. Murphey; referred to the committee on roads. By Mr. Berry of F., on education; referred to the c nittee on education. Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr Orth, to repeal our valuation laws.

Mr Edmonston moved to amend by directing an inquity tioned. nto the expediency of repealing or modifying the same. Mr Handy moved to lay on the table the said resolution and proposed amendment. The ayes and noes were called, Aves-Messis Berry of F., Berry of M., Coats, Coffin, Conner, Day, Edmonson, Ellis, English, Green, Hamrick, Handy,

Hard n, Henry, Howell, Jackson, Marsh, Miller, Milligan,

Millikin, Montgomery, Robinson, Simpson, Stewart, Ver- mittee. brike, and Waters-26. Noes-Allison, Beard, Bowers, Bradbury, Chenowith, Clements, Cuppy, Davis, Goodenow, Hamer, Holloway, Logan, Morgan, Murphey, Orth, Osborn, Parks, Read, Rockhill, tockwell, Taber, Winchell, Zenor-23. So the resolution and amendment were laid upon the table.

Mr Milligan offered a resolution requiring the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the expediency of changing the present probate system. Adopted. By Mr Clements, to instruct the committee on education to inquire into the expediency of selling school lands. amending an act incorporating the city of Richmond: re-Bills Introduced. ferred to the committee on the Judiciary. By Mr Rockhill, for the relief of Joseph Dicky and -Queen ; referred to the committee on claims By Mr Jackson, to provide for the printing of certain acts

therein named.

By Mr. Robinson, to legalize the adjournment of the De-catus circuit court at the fall term of 1846. By Mr Taber, relative to decrees in chancery. By Mr Jackson, to repeal certain local laws therein mentioned; passed to a second reading.

By Mr Murphy, authorizing the to sell certain lands therein named; passed to a second

Leave was granted to Mr Zenor to introduce a resolution instructing the committee on military affairs to inquire into law as to make every man perform military duty according the expediency of revising the military laws. Bills Referred. A bill providing for the publication of Delinquent lists; referred to the committee on finance. A bill calling for a convention to revise the constitution

of the State was, on motion, referred to a committee com-posed of a member from each judicial circuit, by a vote of A bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the A bill was introduced by Mr Allison to change the time of holding probate courts in Greene county.

Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Agent of State; which was laid upon the table and opies ordered to be printed. The following members were appointed a committee he bill to revise the constitution of the State: 1st judicial circuit, Mr. Montgomery; 2d, Read, chairman; 3d, Green; 4th, Howell; 5th, Stewart; 6th, Robinson; 7th, Coffin; Sth, Taber; 9th, Osborn; 10th, Berry of M; 11th,

Winchell: 12th, Marsh. Mr. Davis introduced a bill for the relief of Victor H. Pepin; passed. Mr Miller introduced a bill extending a certain act therein named for the sale of certain lands in Crawford county. By Mr. Allison, a bill to repeal a certain joint resolution was paid : not adopted. therein named.

By Mr. Davis, a bill 'to incorporate Anderson's Collegiate Institute. Also, a bill by Mr. Clements, providing for the compensation of supervisors of roads and highways; which were severally read and passed to a second reading.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Berry of Franklin, intructing the committee on finance to report a bill authorizing the letting out to the lowest bidder, the public printing;

which was adopted. A resolution was offered by Mr Robinson, calling for the ppointment of a committee of six members, to report some lan to improve the Michigan road south of Indianapolis. Mr Osborn moved to amend by adding, also that part north of Indianapolis. Mr Osborn thought that part needed as much improvement as the part south of Indianapolis.

Mr Robinson thought that part belonged to a separate town from that of the south. If the gentleman would offer a re-Mr Osboro thought that part needed as much improvement

upport it; but he wished the southern portion of the road eft to his care, as he was near losing his life coming up to Feeder Dam, in Eel River. indianapolis, and if he had, he doubted not it would have been a great loss to the State of Indiana. The said resolution, together with the amendment, was A petition was then presented by Mr Hamer, to change

the name of an adopted child therein named; referred. Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1846.

The Speaker laid before the House reports from the seveon the State bank. Petitions, &c., presented. By Mr. Lewis. Referred to a select committee. By Mr. Colms. Praying a divorce. On motion

By Mr. Dean. On the subject of a State road. Referred. By Mr. Hendricks. From sundry citizens of Jefferson county. Referred to the Judiciary committee. By Mr. Ciark. Referred without reading. By Mr. Parker. (Two.) referred to select committees. By Mr. Hanna. From citizens of Carroll county, on the

subject of a State road. Referred.

By Mr. Duoham. For the relief of William Smith.

By Mr. Holman, From citizens of Miami. By Mr. Hendricks. To amend the city charter of Madison. Referred to a select committee. By Mr. Hauna. Praying a change in a certain State road. from executors or administrators belonging to non-resi-Referred to the committee on roads By Messrs. Baker and Harland. Referred without read-

By Mr. Hull. From citizens of Jefferson county, praying By Mr. Harlan. Referred without reading. By Mr. Gilleece. From citizens of Huntington, To By Mr. Harlan. A divorce petition. Laid on the table. Also, from citizens of Grant county, on the subject of erecting a certain mill dam. Referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Wise. Referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Clark. Referred to a select committee. Resolutions By Mr. Carr, of C. On the subject of reviving the militia law. Adopted. By Mr. Somers. That the provisions of the resolution fur- reading, to the same committee.

collectable in the township where they were contracted; State road; referred to the committee on roads. By Mr. Sleeth, instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law requiring each road district to elect its own supervisor; adopted. By Mr. Baker, on the subject of revising the school law;

By Mr. Powell, on the subject of redceming lands sold for taxes; adopted. By Mr. Dowling, on the subject of amending the law Mr. Palmer, on leave, introduced a resolution requiring the buildings for sums less than thirty dollars; adopted. By Mr. Harlan, providing for the election of Auditor of State and Treasurer of State and judge of the 8th judicial circuit, this afternoon at 2 o'clock; laid on the table

By Mr Gordon, on the subject of German schools; renyes 34, noes 34. By Mr. Dunham, on the subject of electing township

officers; sdopted.

Bills introduced and read the first time. By Mr. Fuller, for the better regulation of the county board of Warrick county.

By Mr. Balding, to establish a State road.

By Mr. Holland, to punish certain crimes therein Mr. Harlan, from a select committee, reported a bill legal-

By Mr. Hamilton, to incorporate a band of musicians in Decatur county.

By Mr. Julian, to increase the salary of probate judges;

read twice and referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr. Colms, to empower the board of county commissioners of Kosciusko to hold certain real estate; passed to a third reading; also, to authorize the people of Kosciusko to elect their county surveyor; referred to the

By Mr. Hendricks, authorizing masters in chancery to take acknowledgments. By Mr. Stewart of L., to vacate the town of Independ-

ence, in Laporte county. By Mr. Gilleece, to authorize masters in chancery to The bill extending the time of holding probate courts in Putnam, St. Joseph, Wayne, and Lawrence counties,

was read the third time and passed. The bill to revise and amend the Constitution of the State, was laid on the table. A number of bills were read the second time, and were referred to committees, or passed to the third reading.

The bill for the relief of purchasers of canal lands gave rise to a brief, but spirited discussion on a motion to refer

The Speaker laid before the House, the report of the the Agent of State-laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed. The consideration of the Governor's message being

ssigned for this afternoon, was postponed until to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Mr. Lutz introduced a bill to vacate certain streets and alleys in the town of Noblesville; passed to the second

500 copies ordered to be printed. On motion of Mr. Porter, the House adjourned.

SENATE.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 12, 1846.

The Senate met. A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of an act changingthe times of

The Speaker submitted the report of the Trustees of the Asylum for the deat and dumb-laid on the table and

holding Probate courts in certain counties therein men-The President laid before the Senate the report of the Trustees for the education of the Blind. Ordered, that said report be laid on the table and 1000 copies be printed.

Petitions, &c., Presented. By Mr. Zenor, the petition of Samuel T. Bagerly, for a divorce from Nancy, his wife: referred to a select com-

By Mr. Parks of - Goble : referred. By Mr. Marsh, of Martha Warner : referred. By Mr. Milliken, of certain citizens of Ohio county,

praying for additional pilots at the Falls: referred to a se-By Mr. Stockwell: referred to a select committee with-Reports. By Mr. Berry of Franklin, on the bill entitled on act

By Mr. Edmonston, reporting a bill requiring a Nol. Pros. in the Dubois Circuit Court: passed. Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Edmonston, that the Legislature proceed to-day at half past two o'clock to the election of Auditor and Treasurer; adopted.

By Mr. Logan, instructing the committee on Military Affairs to report as to the expediency of revising the Mili tary system; adopted. By Mr. Miller, instructing the committee on Military Affairs as to the expediency of so amending the military

to rank, and without proxy; adopted. By Mr. Murphy, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to report as to the expediency of providing against the valuation of property on execution, upon any contract made after the 1st of June, 1847; adopted. By Mr. Marsh, that the Senate, the House concurring.

proceed to-day to the election of President Judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit, at 11 c'clock, A. M.; adopted. By Mr. Stewart; That it is, in the opinion of this Senate, inexpedient, improper, and impolitic for the Legiscity of Richmond; referred to the committee on corporations. lature to grant divorces in any case where the court of the State have jurisdiction. Mr. Handy moved to lay the same on the table.

Senate met.

Monroe, Coffin, Cuppy, Day, Edmonston, English, Green,
The President laid before the Senate the report of the Handy, Hardin, Henry, Howell, Jackson, Marsh, Miller, Millig n, Montgomery, Osborn, Read, Rockhill, Taber, Waters, Winchell, Zenor-24. Noss .- Messrs, Beard, Bowers, Bradbury, Chenowith, Clements, Coats, Conner, Goodenow, Hamer, Hamrick,

AYES .- Messrs. Allison, Berry of Franklin, Berry of

Holloway, Logan, Milliken, Morgan, Murphy, Orth, Robinson, Simpson, Stewart, Stockwell, Verbrike-21. So it was laid on the table. By Mr. Milliken, that the committee on roads be instructed to report as to the expediency of so amending the laws, that supervisors of roads shall keep private roads in repair, provided tax sufficient to keep said road in repair

By Mr. Handy, that the committee on education report as to the expediency of amending the common school laws; By Mr. Robinson, that the committee on the Judiciary report as to the expediency of making one or two new

Circuits; adopted. By Mr. Taber, to repeal an act approved 19th January, 1846, providing for the sale of canal lands; referred. By Mr. Berry of Monroe, to repeal an act relative to Mr. Orth moved to refer the bill to the committee on unfinished business, as Mr. Berry himself, in introducing

solution to the effect of his amendment, he would cheerfully Bills Passed. A Bill to locate a State Road from Point Commerce to A Bill to change the time of holding courts in Wells

> The message from the House relative to the Bill extending the time of holding Probate Courts in certain counties therein named, was then taken up and passed to a second reading, after the addition of several counties to those

already mentioned in the bill. Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. The President laid the reports of the Fort Wayne and account. He did not consider it an act of generosity, but ral branch banks of the State. Referred to the committee Lawrenceburgh Branches of the State Bank before the Senate, which were referred to the committee on the State

> Bank. Also, the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which was referred to the same committee. Leave was granted to Mr. Coats to introduce a bill proriding for compensation for private property taken for the construction of the Wabash and Eric canal.

On motion of Mr. Marsh, It was referred to the committee on Canals and Internal improvements. Leave was granted to Mr. Miller to introduce a petition for a divorce; referred. A resolution was introduced by Mr. Berry instructing the committee on the Judiciary to report as to the expediency of appointing by law some person to receive money

dents; and The Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SATURDAY, December 12, 1846.

House met. Pelitions, &c. Presented. By Mr Hendricks, from certain German citizens of Jefferson county, praying a portion of the public school fund for the support of German schools; referred to the com-By Mr Meredith, from Benjamin Smith, and others, on the same subject; referred to the same committee

By Mr Carr, on the same subject; referred, without By Mr. Holman. To provide for the correction of errors nishing papers to the members, be extended to the officers of By Mr Hull, from colored citizens of Jefferson county, the House. Adopted.

By Mr. Stewart of F., instructing the Judiciary committee to report a bill making debts before a Justice of the Peace to report a bill making debts before a Justice By Mr Anthony, on the subject of German schools!

referred to the same committee. By Mr Lemmonds, from German citizens, on the subject of granting a portion of the public school fund, for the support of their own schools. By Mr Norton, on the same subject; both referred to

By Mr Dunham, from P. Morgan, praying relief; referred to the committee on claims.

By Mr Mason, from citizens of Brown county, praying

By Mr Gordon, on the subject of German schools; referred to the committee on education. By Mr. Julian, from Daniel Mace, and others, on the subject of appointing a reporter for the Supreme Court; referred to the judiciary committee.

By Mr Hamilton, from certain citizens of Decatur

county, praying the repeal of the license law for the sale of spiritous liquors, so far as Decatur county is concerned; referred to a select committee. By Mr Clark, from citizens of Lagrange county, on the subject of fixing the interest on loans of the school funds; referred to a select committee.

By Mr. Secrest, for the relief of Thomas Wood and By Mr Thompson, from James Foster, for a divorce;